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News Release

UD SPONSORS WORKSHOP ON EMPOWERMENT OF MENTALLY DISABLED

DAYTON, Ohio, March 27, 1990--The University of Dayton psychology department and the Ohio Department of Mental Health will present a daylong workshop on "Empowerment of the Severely Mentally Disabled Through the Lodge Society" on Friday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Kennedy Union Room 222 on campus.

There is no registration fee for the workshop, which is geared for social workers and families of mentally ill individuals, but reservations are required.

Esther Fergus, an associate professor of psychology at Michigan State University, will lead the workshop by exploring the community lodge concept and evaluating existing lodge sites. The lodge society is a consumer-directed, residential rehabilitation program that attempts to fill the void between hospitalization and day-treatment services by allowing mentally ill individuals to work and live in a less structured environment while managing their own money.

Fergus has been involved in the development and evaluation of the Fairweather Lodges located across Michigan. She also co-wrote the books The Community Lodge and Community Experimentation: A Field Manual for Theory, Method, and Practice.

To register for the workshop, or for more information, contact John Korte in UD's department of psychology at (513) 229-2714.

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